

Master Planning Committee Minutes
March 25, 2014
Facilities Management Center, South Conference Room
(1:02 pm – 1:58 pm)

Members Present:

Scott Weiser, Committee Chair	William Dikis
Matt Anderson	Elizabeth Isaacson

Members Absent:

None

Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Staff Present for All or Portions of the Meeting:

Jennifer Moehlmann, DAS/GSE	Emily Narayan, DAS/GSE
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Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Committee Chair Scott Weiser, followed by roll call and introductions.

MOTION: Matt Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Liz Isaacson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Liz Isaacson made a motion to approve the February 25, 2014 meeting minutes as submitted. Matt Anderson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Review Master Plan Update Suggestions

Bill Dikis reviewed his suggested format for the Master Plan Updates, which could be added to the document as a new Appendix D, along with a new page be added to the existing Preface to alert viewers to the existence of a new Exhibit D. The new Exhibit D will be added as D-2014 this year, a newly added D-2015 next year, etc.

The Committee members discussed their recommendations for Master Plan Updates:

- Concept – no changes needed.
- Approaches and Gateways – address removal of the row houses
- Views and Corridors and Streets – no changes needed right now. Once the MLK Parkway is completed to the Kemin Industries area, the view corridor protection may need to be modified if a new view is discovered.
- Utilities – doesn't appear to be outdated or need any changes at this time.
- Parking – plan envisions an aggressive public transit program and less parking, but that may not be appropriate at this time. Need to plan how to park people more effectively, not eliminate parking. Could retain more parking and screen it with landscaping.
- Transit – get revised DART public transit map.
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation – not much needs to be changed, we do have wider sidewalks and signage, as well as plans for the installation of a B-Cycle station that could be included in the accomplishments. There is a new city-wide bicycle plan for Des Moines; Matt Anderson will provide a contact for more information to get updated bike route maps.
- Sustainable Development Principles – need to balance sustainability with return on investment (ROI). Need to review the recommendation on building to LEED Gold or better – perhaps reduce to LEED silver. Consider a 10 year ROI threshold.

Matt Anderson suggested the Committee meet with the Historic East Village to reinforce the connection with the Capitol Complex and the Master Plan. Matt Anderson can provide the contact information for the Historic East Village neighborhood association. The meeting could also include the new City traffic engineer.

The City of Des Moines will be conducting a parking study for the East Village and may include a stakeholder from the State of Iowa.

The Committee agreed to use the format suggested by Bill Dikis for updates to the master plan. The members will bring their suggestions to the next meeting in May or June, in order to be ready for a review by the full Capitol Planning Commission during the July meeting.

Adjourn

MOTION: Liz Isaacson made a motion to adjourn, Matt Anderson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.